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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the following paragraph [0077] as follows:**

[0077] The light-emitting element 11 is arranged that its optical axis coincides with the upstream section of the second optical-signal propagation path B, and the light-receiving element 21 is disposed, with its optical axis directed to between the first propagation path A and the downstream section of the second propagation path B. The distance between the light-emitting and light-receiving elements 11, 21 is set to 300 mm, the distances between the seat cushion frame 2 and the light-emitting element 11 and between the frame 2 and the light-receiving element 21 are set to 50 and 50 mm, respectively. Thus, the first optical-signal propagation path A and the upstream section of the second propagation path B form an angle about 18 deg therebetween, and the first propagation path A and the downstream section of the second propagation path B form an angle of about 18 deg therebetween.